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TAGS: PFOR, OCLR, IC, UR  
SUBJECT: SOVIET AIR ACTIVITY NEAR ICELAND

REF: (A) REYKJAVIK 0476  
(B) OSLO 1835

1. IT WOULD SEEM TO US THAT ICELAND HAS NO GROUNDS FOR  
PROTESTING AS ILLEGAL SOVIET AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY IN THE  
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INTERNATIONAL AIR SPACE SURROUNDING ICELAND, WHETHER OR NOT

THAT AIRSPACE IS INCLUDED IN THE ICELAND ADIZ. AN ICELANDIC PROTEST WOULD BE IN ORDER ONLY IF SOVIET AIRCRAFT ACTUALLY PENETRATE ICELAND'S TERRITORIAL AIRSPACE (CF. REF B).

2. BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, AND IF ASKED BY THE ICELANDIC FOREIGN MINISTER, YOU COULD INDICATE TO HIM THAT THE ICELAND AIR DEFENSE IDENTIFICATION ZONE (ADIZ) IS A ZONE ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMANDER ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE (COMICEDEFOR) FOR HIS DEFENSE AND IDENTIFICATION PURPOSES. IT EXTENDS, AS YOU KNOW, WELL BEYOND ICELAND'S BOUNDARIES AND TERRITORIAL AIRSPACE; IT IS AN ADMINISTRATIVE REGIME WHICH HAS NO IMPLICATIONS OF SOVEREIGNTY. WHAT STRICTURES IT IMPOSES, IN ANY EVENT, APPLY ONLY TO CIVIL AIRCRAFT, AND ARE A PART OF THEIR ORDINARY CLEARANCE PROCEDURES, WHICH INCLUDE FILING A FLIGHT PLAN WITH AND REPORTING IN TO THE CONTROLLING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTRY TO WHICH THEY ARE HEADED, I.E. IN WHICH THEY

INTEND TO LAND OR THROUGH WHOSE TERRITORIAL AIRSPACE THEY INTEND TO PASS. INGERSOLL

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